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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>Board of Geologists</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Friday, December 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room B Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	February 9, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steven Smailer, President, Professional Member  
Douglas Rambo, Vice-President, Professional Member  
William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member  
Judith Nicholas, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Reinhold, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Smailer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the November 17, 2017 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Stamp & Seal Requirements for State Employees**

Mr. Smailer advised that there is no update at this time. He stated that a program that is overseeing job submittals should oversee the qualifications of the people submitting and signing off on the work.

Mr. Schenck will write up a letter for review at the next scheduled meeting to clarify this stance.

### Discussion of Engineer Exemption

Mr. Smailer advised the Board of the letter he wrote to stakeholders that deals with the exemption in the definition section of the law.

Ms. Kelly stated that the message needs to be clear that the Board either wants to strike it from the law or move it to the section where it really belongs.

Mr. Smailer will edit the letter and have it available for additional review at the next scheduled meeting.

### Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the courses submitted by Geology Continuing Education, LLC listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

“Ethics for the Professional Geologist 102: Ethical Challenges”- 1 hour

“Hydrogeological Implications of Coal Ash”- 1 hour

“Geological Considerations of Carbon Sequestration”- .5 hour

“Natural Resource Damages: Geologic Resources”- 1 hour

“Geology of Yellowstone”- 1 hour

“Geology of the Grand Tetons”- 1 hour

“Geology of Niagara Falls”- .5 hour

“Ethics for the Professional Geologist: The ASBOG Code of Ethics”- 1 hour

Geology Continuing Education, LLC also requested to be put on the list of automatically approved providers. The Board considered this request as it would require a regulation change. Ms. Kelly pointed out that 6.10 of the regulations only gives automatic approval to professional societies. Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to deny this request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Applications by Examination

With a fair and unbiased decision by the professional members of the Board, Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas to approve Thomas McKenna for licensure contingent on the passing scores of the FG and the PG exams. The motion carried with Mr. Schenck abstaining.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Schenck to approve Jeffrey Foster for licensure contingent on a passing score of the PG Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas to approve Robert Smagala, Jr. to sit for the FG Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Schenck to approve Justin Wagner to sit for the FG Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Schenck to approve Michael Natrin to sit for the FG Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Wall Certificates

Mr. Smailer signed the wall certificates for Jonathan Rihs and George Lukert.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)**

Mr. Schenck discussed with the Board the possibility of using the University of Delaware's testing center for future ASBOG testing. It may require some contractual agreements with the university, ASBOG and the Division. Ms. Hurley said she would pass the information on to the Division for consideration.

Mr. Rambo mentioned the American Institute of Professional Geologists approved in their by-laws a category titled "nationally licensed geologists." There was no communication with ASBOG prior to this being written. It is actually a level of membership with their organization but is causing confusion with geology applicants in other states.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley  
Administrative Specialist II